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TO: Col. White

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Dr. McLucas has concurred in releasing the attached paper to the 40 Committee. Suggested changes are minor and have been incorporated on pages 6 and 7.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Carl Duckett
Dr. Donald Steininger

Carl and Don:

I still have problems with this paper on the IDEALIST program. First, I don't think it is sharp enough in pointing out the unique capabilities of this program in relation to other U-2's. Second, if we aren't going to make a recommendation, I believe we are obliged to pose the right questions as concisely and specifically as we possibly can. As a general proposition, it seems to me that the U-2 is so thoroughly advertised as an American (or even a CIA) airplane that the only protection we are getting is the possibility of having it flown by

To me, this is the key.

I believe that the specific questions are these:

a. Since the IDEALIST U-2's have not been used for overflights since March of 1968, is it reasonable to expect that they will be so used in the foreseeable future?

b. If the answer to the first question is negative, does the coverage of Chinese coastal targets from a flight path twenty nautical miles offshore, or similar missions, justify retention of the program?

c. If the answer to either the first or second question is affirmative, is it essential for CIA to continue this program, or could the Defense Department maintain the same capability?

d. If the answer to either the first or second question is negative, then we must decide how we

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If you agree with these points, would you be good enough to revise the paper accordingly. If not, I should be glad to discuss it with you, but I do think we should get this paper before the 40 Committee before very long.

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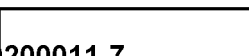
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